

# Albion Area Lifelong Learners

AN INSTITUTE FOR ADULT LEARNING IN COOPERATION WITH ALBION COLLEGE

## Greetings

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our Fall Assembly and to the beginning of our Fall Term. The Board hopes you enjoy the snacks this morning which we have not been able to serve since COVID. We especially welcome Dr. Webster's presentation at the Assembly on September 7. We are all eager to learn of his plans for Albion College and the community.

The Curriculum Committee has planned four classes, including supporting those with mental health issues, the impact of Black Colleges on today's society, the Mount Pleasant school for the Anishinaabe Indians, and one more series of films at The Bohm. Curriculum Committee is also working on having an option for participation in a class via Google Meet for those who are registered for that class. The first trial will be with Marc Newman's class on the Black Colleges. The coordinators for the class will have that information when/if it is available.

After so many years of the same fee for membership, the Board has found it necessary to increase the annual membership to \$25.00.

The Events Committee of the Board is planning a dinner/theatre event for members and guests. On Thursday, September 28, we will start with dinner at the Baldwin Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. and go together to the Herrick Theatre for the 7:30 p.m. performance of "The Play That Goes Wrong", a comedy. People will pay for their own dinners and the theatre is free. Please sign up at the Assembly or contact Ginny Garrison at [briton1974@yahoo.com](mailto:briton1974@yahoo.com).

The Board is looking for volunteers willing to serve on a Publicity Committee. We want to expand aware of AALL to the broader community and to neighboring communities as well. Any member of AALL is eligible. Contact Mary Slater at [mary\\_slater@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_slater@hotmail.com).

For other questions and suggestions, visit the website [AlbionAALL.org](http://AlbionAALL.org), or contact Mary Looking forward to an interesting and inspiring Fall Term

Mary Slater, President

# Upcoming Events

## Fall Assembly

### **Dr. Wayne Webster, President, Albion College**

Thursday, September 7, 2023, 10 a.m.

#### **Tennant Hall at the First United Methodist Church**

600 E Michigan Ave, Albion, MI 49224

Dr. Webster brings to Albion more than 23 years of leadership experience in education. Most recently, he served as Interim President of The College of Wooster in Ohio, and he also has worked in student engagement, development, and alumni relations. He has a deep love for the liberal arts and for the kind of learning opportunities here in Albion. He has worked at private liberal arts colleges in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Nebraska and Ohio, and public university experience from his time in Colorado. As a collaborative leader, he has led increases in engagement in each of his roles, which have resulted in significantly more volunteer assistance with career development, internships and mentoring opportunities for students.

Post pandemic, the landscape for American higher education has shifted and will continue to do so as a new normal is created. Our colleges and universities are facing dramatic shifts in demographics, demand for programs, accountability for outcomes, and a generation of students who are debt-adverse which causes additional financial stress. Dr. Webster will share his observations and draft plans for the future of Albion College as it edges closer to 200 years of service and he will seek feedback from those in attendance.

## **Upcoming Courses**

### **The Mount Pleasant Industrial School and the Anishinaabe**

**Fred Jacko, Cultural Historical Preservation Office Manager**

Thursdays, October 12 and 19; 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In Person. Ludington. Class size unlimited.

The Mount Pleasant Industrial Boarding School was one of many institutions across the United States that served to forcefully indoctrinate American Indian Children into the mainstream culture of the day. This lecture will begin with the early stages of the boarding school era and the thoughts that drove the legislation behind it. Discussion will move away from general boarding schools in the US and focus on the Mount Pleasant Industrial Boarding School. The creation, targeted population, and long standing consequences of this historical period in US history will all be topics for discussion.

### **Learn How to Support Your Friends, Family and Neighbors**

**Amy Reimann, Community Engagement Liaison, Summit Pointe**

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25; 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. You'll build the skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate local support. After the course you will be able to recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges, understand how to interact with a person in crisis, know how to connect a person with help, and use self-care tools and techniques.

## Historical Black Colleges and Universities and Their Impact on Today's Society

**Marc Newman, Vice President of Advancement at Albion College, 20+ years of leadership at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.**

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18 and 25; 3:30 – 5 p.m.

In person at Ludington Center, or online. Contact Marc Newman for instructions ([manewman23@gmail.com](mailto:manewman23@gmail.com)).

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are public and private institutions established before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in the United States. From their inception, HBCUs gifted Black people with access to education, which was denied to them during slavery and segregation. This class will look at the impact of these institutions on today's society.

## Movies Everyone Should (But May Not) Have Seen

**Richard Lewin, United Church of Christ pastor, retired.**

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26; 2 p.m – 4 p.m.

Bohm Theatre. Fee for Theatre: \$10 for the series.

There are many movies of historical significance, and artistic genius, with wonderful storylines, and ground-breaking technology that should be seen, even decades after their release. This class will view four such movies —wonderful movies, that should be seen, especially if you have not been fortunate enough to have already seen them. There will be time provided at the end for conversation of the films.

### **Movie 1: La Haine (1995)**

This is a French black-and-white film about three young friends and their struggle to live in the banlieues (suburbs) of Paris. The title derives from a line spoken by one of them, “La Haine attire la Haine” (“hatred breeds hatred”).

### **Movie 2: UP (2009)**

An exciting, funny, poignant adventure, UP is the first animated 3-D film to open the Cannes Film Festival 2009, becoming one of the best animated films of all time, and winning two Academy Awards. Carl, a 78-year-old balloon salesman, sets out to fulfill a lifelong dream and fulfill a promise he had made to his deceased wife, Ellie; he ties thousands of balloons to his house, and flies away to the South American wilderness. The curmudgeonly Carl's worst nightmare comes true when he discovers a little boy named Russell is a stowaway aboard the balloon-powered house.

### **Movie 3: Paths of Glory (1957)**

A pivotal work by Stanley Kubrick (2001: A Space Odyssey, A Clockwork Orange), PATHS OF GLORY is among the most powerful antiwar films ever made. A fiery Kirk Douglas (Ace in the Hole, Spartacus) stars as a French colonel serving in World War I who goes head-to-head with the army's ruthless top brass when his men are accused of cowardice after being unable to carry out an impossible mission. This haunting, exquisitely photographed dissection of the military machine in all its absurdity and capacity for dehumanization (a theme Kubrick would continue to explore throughout his career) is assembled with its legendary director's customary precision, from its tense trench warfare sequences to its gripping courtroom climax and ravaging final scene.

### **Movie 4: Eat Drink Man Woman (1994)**

Tradition! Tradition! Traditions have been discussed, and debated by families all over the globe throughout history. Director Ang Lee (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon; Brokeback Mountain; Life of Pi) weaves a funny, poignant, and always entertaining story, of one such family, centered on a father and his three unmarried daughters living in modern-day Taiwan, where, each Sunday, as is their tradition, they gather around the table to share a meal, stories, and digest the wisdom of their all-knowing father.

## **Reminders for Fall 2023:**

- Annual membership dues for 2023-2024 are \$25. Members may take one class each term without additional fee; each additional class is \$10. If you have questions, you can call the Registrar, Mary Deardurff at 517-990-4158.
- The Fall Assembly (on Thursday, September 7, 2023) will be held in Tennant Hall at the First United Methodist Church. You may register in person from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Please bring your completed registration form (or facsimile) with you.
- Mail-in registration forms (along with a check or money order made out to AALL) must be received by **Thursday, September 14, 2023**. Mail the completed form along with a check or money order payable to AALL to: AALL Registrar, P. O. Box 188, Albion, MI 49224

## Registration Information

- For each course for which you want to register, place a number in the box in front of the course name: 1 for the course you most want to take, 2 for the second course you wish to take, etc. (NOTE: If you only wish to take one course, mark it with the number 1)
- If you wish to indicate an alternate choice (in case one of your choices is oversubscribed and you are not admitted to that course), mark an X in the box before your alternate choice.
- In the column marked FEE, indicate the appropriate cost. The first course (each term) is free with your AALL membership; simply write FREE in the FEE column. Each additional course is \$10 (plus any special fees). All fees need to be paid at the time of registration. If your "free class" is one that requires a fee, you must pay the fee even though the class is free for you.
- If you are unable to attend a course for which you have registered, fees can be refunded until the start of the course.

## Policy for Limited Enrollment Classes

When a course with limited enrollment is over-enrolled, the names of all those who listed as in #1 shall be entered in a lottery. Those randomly drawn shall be placed in the class. Those not selected will be put on a waiting list and will be given first access if that course is offered again. The Registrar will keep a record of those on the waiting list until the course is offered again.

Those selected for the course in its first offering will not be eligible to retake it until all those on the waiting list have had the opportunity to take the course.

Those who have signed up for a class with limited enrollment and listed it as #1 are encouraged to sign up for at least one additional class. Members are also encouraged not to sign up for a course with limited enrollment if they know they won't be there for all four sessions.